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SUBJECT: FISHERIES DISPUTE: AP ARTICLE ON MOVEMENT OF
BRITISH FRIGATE

REF: USNATO 3466

1. ARTICLE APPARENTLY REFERRED TO BY DEPPERMRP EGILSSON IN
REFTEL APPEARED IN INDEPENDENCE PARTY DAILY MORGUNBLADID JUNE 30
DATELINED JUNE 29 AP LONDON. ARTICLE DEALS PRIMARILY WITH REPORT
OF A DRUG "ORGY" ABOARD BRITISH FRIGATE PLYMOUTH. SHIP WAS
BOARDED IN IRISH SEA BY RN SPECIAL AGENTS WHO CONDUCTED THOROUGH
INVESTIGATION, SEARCHED SHIP AND QUESTIONED SAILORS REPORTEDLY
INVOLVED. SHIP WAS THEN CLEARED, ACCORDING TO REPORT, ALTHOUGH
INVESTIGATION NOT YET CONCLUDED. ONE SENTENCE IN ARTICLE REFERRED
TO SUBJECT RAISED BY EGILSSON: "TODAY PLYMOUTH IS ON ITS WAY TO
SCANDINAVIA WHERE IT WILL PARTICIPATE IN NATO MANEUVERS."

WE CAN FIND NO OTHER ARTICLES ON THIS SUBJECT IN ICELANDIC PRESS

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DURING THIS PERIOD.

2. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT EGILSSON'S INQUIRY WAS PERSONAL AND NOT BASED ON FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS, BUT IT MAY WELL HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY PRO-NATO ELEMENTS IN MFA OR ELSEWHERE IN GOI HOPING TO DENY STORY. MORE RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP HAS RECENTLY TAKEN CAUTIOUS STEPS TO DISENTANGLE DEFENSE AND FISHERIES ISSUES AND WILL BE ON GUARD AGAINST GIVING COMMUNIST-DOMINATED ELEMENTS IN GOI ANY OPPORTUNITY TO EXACERBATE ANTI-NATO SENTIMENT BY IDENTIFYING NATO-COMMITTED FORCES IN FISHING PATROL FLEET.
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